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SUBJECT: TRANSATLANTIC SUBMARINE CABLE

REF: PARIS U5447, 4902, STATE 043871

LECOMBRE (INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
DESK OFFICER AT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS) INVITED
EMBASSY CIVIL AVIATION ATTACHE TO CALL ON MARCH 8 FOR
DISCUSSION OF THE FCC ACTION ON SUBMARINE CABLE. LECOM-
BRE REVIEWED THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTACHES TO CONSTRUCTION
OF THIS CABLE IN A FORM VERY SIMILAR TO THAT OF PTT'S
GRENIER ON FEBRUARY 17 AND STATED THAT GOF WAS RATHER
"BITTER" THAT FCC HAD ACTED AS IT DID. HE REFERRED
TO THE FEBRUARY VISIT OF FRENCH EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES
TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT, INDICATED HE UNDERSTOOD SIMILAR
DEMARCHES HAD BEEN MADE BY UK, SWEDEN AND GERMANY, AND
STATED THAT FONOFF WAS VERY DISAPPOINTED NO SUBSTANTIVE
RESPONSE HAD YET BEEN MADE TO THIS DIPLOMATIC INTERVEN-
TION. LIKEWISE, THERE WAS CONCERN THAT NOTEVEN A PRE-
LIMINARY REPLY HAD BEEN RECEIVED TO A JANUARY 31 LETTER
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TO THE FCC CHAIRMAN FERRIS FROM CEPT/CLTA PRESIDENT
LARSSON (SWEDEN).

LECOMBRE SAID THAT HE HOPED THE STATE DEPARTMENT WOULD
PROMPTLY TAKE AN INITIATIVE TO CALL IN COLLECTIVELY THE
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WHO HAVE PROTESTED AND TO MAKE
PROPOSALS FOR THE RESUMPTION OF DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE

UNITED STATES AND EUROPE ON THIS QUESTION. A NEW TECHNICAL MEETING, WHEREBY THE EUROPEANS AND THE FCC COULD CONSIDER THE NEED FOR TAT-7, SHOULD BE SPECIFICALLY PROPOSED BY THE U.S. WHILE THE GOF, OF COURSE, SUPPORTS EFFORTS TO GET FCC TO REOPEN THE DOCKET IT DOES NOT REGARD FCC HEARINGS AS AN ADEQUATE DEVICE FOR DIALOGUE. THE GOF AND THE EUROPEANS ARE WILLING TO PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION TO THE FCC AS TO THE NEED FOR THIS CABLE, BUT THEY CONSIDER THAT THEY HAVE ALREADY PROVIDED MORE THAN IS NECESSARY. FURTHERMORE, HE NOTED, THE FCC HAS NOT SAID SPECIFICALLY WHAT MORE INFORMATION IT NEEDS TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE FAVORABLY.

IN CONCLUSION, LECOMBRE EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO GET A PROCESS OF SERIOUS DIALOGUE GOING VERY QUICKLY WITH A VIEW TO STILL MEETING THE TARGET DATE FOR HAVING A NEW CABLE OPERATIONAL.

ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE WHAT REPLY WE CAN MAKE TO LECOMBRE.

WE HAVE RECEIVED LONDON'S 02296 TRANSMITTED TO US AS STATE 045340. ARE THERE ANY MESSAGES DEALING WITH OTHER EUROPEAN DEMARCHES ON THIS ISSUE ? IF SO, PLEASE REPEAT TO US.

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